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Applicant amends and remarks as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-6, 9-11, 14-16, 19, 20 and 65-74 are in the application for consideration.

The Office Communication of December 6, 2002 alleges that Applicant's amendment to the claims filed on or about September 3, 2002 does not comply with the Rules because "the marked-up version of the claims fail (sic) to use the proper marking to show deleted matter". The undersigned and his assistant have carefully reviewed the marked-up version of the claims which were submitted on or about September 3, 2002,